

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph [0021] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

Referring now to Figure 3, [[Pivot]] pivot joint 20 comprises an inner rigid housing 50, a Self-Lubricating Elastomer (SLETM) sleeve 52 and an outer rigid cup-shaped housing 54. Inner housing 50 is a generally cylindrical housing defining an annular groove 56. Sleeve 52 is an annular sleeve disposed around inner housing 50 and it defines an annular rib 58 disposed within groove 56. Outer housing 54 is generally cup-shaped cylindrical housing disposed around sleeve 52 and inner housing 50.

Please replace Paragraph [0022] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

Sleeve 52 extends below a lower surface 60 of inner housing 50 and below a fully open end of outer housing 54 defined by an outward radial flange 62 of outer housing 54. Inner housing 50 defines a central bore 64, sleeve 52 defines a central aperture 66 and outer housing 54 defines an aperture 68 at a closed end of outer housing 54. Bore 64 and apertures 66 and 68 accommodate a bolt 70 which secures pivot joint 20 to the appropriate suspension component. The portion of sleeve 52 which extends beyond lower surface 60 will be compressed to provide a seal for pivot joint 20. After bolt 70 is tightened, a plastic cap 72 is fit within aperture 68 to also provide a seal for pivot joint 20. Outer housing 54 is secured to the appropriate suspension component by being press fit within an aperture or by other means known in the art. In

the preferred embodiment, bolt 70 is secured to knuckle 12 or 36 or to the appropriate control rod and outer housing 54 is secured to control arm 18, 32 or 34.